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IURC Authorizes Indiana Underground Plant Protection Service to use 811 Dialing Code

The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission today endorsed and recognized the Indiana Underground Plant Protection Service (IUPPS) as the administrator and authorized party to use the 811 dialing code in Indiana.

In Cause No. 42957, the Commissioners agree that it is in the best interest of Hoosiers to call 811 for the marking of all underground utility plant facilities at a specified location before excavation begins.

In March 2005, the Federal Communications Commission recognized the need for an easy to remember and easy to use dialing code to provide access to One Call Centers such as the IUPPS, and ordered the implementation of 811 as a national standard.

The IUPPS was established as the statewide One Call Center by statute in 1990, and in 2004 the General Assembly made membership in the IUPPS mandatory for operators that have underground facilities located in Indiana.

The Federal deadline for implementation of the dialing code is April 2007.

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